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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. PRESS COVERAGE OF KIM CASE HAS MARKEDLY  
DIMINISHED AT GOVERNMENT DIRECTION. AUGUST 17 MORNING  
PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 16 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FLOOR  
LEADERS' MEETING ON KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE.  
LEADERS DISCUSSED NDP PROPOSAL TO FORM A SPECIAL  
SUB-COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE KIDNAPPING. NDP  
PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED AND FLOOR LEADERS AGREED  
TO WAIT FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN OFFICIAL  
INVESTIGATION BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. THE  
ASSEMBLY STORY WAS THE ONLY AUGUST 17 FRONT PAGE  
COVERAGE GIVEN TO KIM CASE.

2. STORY OF CONTINUED POLICE CROSS EXAMINATION  
OF KIM TAE-CHUNG, YANG IL-DONG, AND KIM KYONG-IN  
CARRIED ON INSIDE PAGE. SENIOR PROSECUTOR WAS  
QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME  
INCONSISTENCIES IN THE TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE  
KIDNAPPING.

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3. AUGUST 16 TONGA ILBO REPORTED ON JAPANESE  
POLICE INVESTIGATION. LATER EDITION OF TONGA  
ILBO DID NOT CARRY STORY NOR DID ANY OTHER PAPER.  
CHUNGANG ILBO GOSSIP COLUMN PRINTED A REJECTION  
OF NDP SPOKESMAN, CHAE MUN-SIK, OF A DEMOCRATIC  
UNIFICATION PARTY (DUP) PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT  
INVESTIGATIVE TEAM. CHAE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT  
THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE KIDNAPPING AND THE  
ACTIVITIES OF YANG IL-DONG IN TOKYO WERE  
SUSPICIOUS, AND THAT FOR ONE OF THE PARTIES WHO  
MAY BE UNDER INVESTIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE "RIDICULOUS".  
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